

_____ BECAUSE OF CHRIST
LUKE 7:23 (vs 11-23)

Last Sunday we began a 3-part series entitled "How to survive". From our study last week, we learned that the Scripture teaches a _____ worshiper of Christ abides (knows, fellowships with, and has a _____ to) in Christ. Abiding in Christ: 1. Leaves no room for the _____, 2. Produces a desire for His _____, and 3. Produces a holy, sin-_____ lifestyle.

I. The passage Luke 7:11-23

- A. The _____ of the widow of Nain's son Vs 11-15
- B. The _____ of the miracle Vs 16-17
 - 1. _____ from those who saw the miracle Vs 16a
 - a. **Fear**-amazement at the event and the One who performed the miracle
 - b. This fear carries the idea of _____ at what just happened
 - 2. Praise given to God for the healing Vs 16b
 - a. Believing they had seen a demonstration of God's _____, the crowd gave praise back to God
 - b. They did not recognize Jesus as _____, but as a prophet, like the OT prophets
 - c. They believed this demonstration of God's power was a sign that God's looking upon Israel with _____ and mercy
 - 3. News of the event spread Vs 17-18
 - a. **Rumor**-not as we would think of a rumor, but in the idea of the event being _____ by the witnesses with other people
 - 1. Matt 4:23-24-News spread after His healing _____ people in Galilee
 - 2. Matt 9:27-31-News spread after He gave _____ to 2 blind men
 - 3. Mark 1:21-28-News spread after He cast out a demon from a man in the _____ of Capernaum
 - 4. Mark 6:14-News of Jesus' activity heard of by King _____
 - b. The followers of John, the Baptist came and told John of the event
- C. The _____ of the miracle on John and his disciples Vs 19-23
 - 1. "Shut up in prison, John the Baptist received only irregular and possibly inaccurate reports of Jesus' ministry. These reports must have caused him to wonder whether Jesus really was the Messiah he foretold. Jesus sent back the message that he was carrying out a ministry of relief to the oppressed, which was the sort of ministry foretold of the Messiah in the Old Testament (Matt 11:1-5; cf. Isa 35:5-6; 61:1). Many were disappointed that Jesus did not bring the political victories they expected of the Messiah, but Jesus promised a special blessing to those who understood his ministry and did not lose heart (Matt 11:6)." [*Concise Bible Commentary*]
 - 2. **Blessed** Vs 23
 - a. The place of receiving the _____ of God, and the fullness of His presence in one's life because of their _____ with Christ Cf. Matt 5:3-11; Luke 6:20-22
 - b. The Bible _____ of the believer being indwelt by the Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done in our behalf, thus yielding to the Holy Spirit, the believer finds blessing in _____ situation
 - 3. **Offended** Vs 23
 - a. To cause to _____ and fall, to depart from someone due to an offense

- b. To take offense at who Christ _____, at what He has _____, at the way He conducted Himself on earth, and thus reject Him or not _____ with Him
- c. Cf. Isaiah 8:11-15-prophecy concerning Jesus being an _____

II. Other passages concerning Christ being an offense

- A. **Matthew 13:54-58**-Christ being offensive because of Who He _____
 - 1. People were _____ because of His powerful teaching and mighty miracles
 - 2. To the onlooker Jesus should not be _____ to teach and do these miracles
 - 3. To the onlooker Jesus was _____ "the carpenter's son", not God the Son
 - 4. To the onlooker Jesus had no _____ training
 - 5. Their offense in Christ greatly _____ the work of Christ there
- B. **John 6:25-66**-Christ being offensive because of what He _____
 - 1. Vs 41-43 murmuring against Jesus
 - 2. Vs 60-66 Found Jesus' statements hard to _____ / turned and walked away
- C. **John 6:67-69**-Christ _____ the 12 disciples about their being offended by Him
 - 1. Peter had the correct _____ concerning Jesus **Vs 68**
 - 2. Peter had the correct _____ to Jesus **Vs 69**

III. The mark of _____ between believers and unbelievers

- A. **Romans 10:9-13**-Believers are not offended in Christ, they by faith _____
- B. _____ are offended in Christ because of who he says he is and what he did on earth

